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PROCUREMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Meeting, 17 December 1957

Members Present:

O/ACSI - Mr. Richard Bauer
AFOIN - Major G. K. Kudravetz
ONI - Lt. Cdr. Hayes Dorr 25X9A8
STATE - Mr. Roger Gifford, alternate
NSA - [redacted]
USIA - Mr. E. Roth Newpher
CIA - [redacted] Chairman 25X1A9a
[redacted] Secretary

Visitors:

CIA - [redacted] 25X1A9a 25X1A
STATE - Mr. Herbert Krueger

1. The minutes of the twenty-fifth meeting were approved as read.
2. Proposal to Microfilm Selected Publications

The USIA member submitted for discussion a proposal calling for the microfilming of selected foreign publications of interest to the member agencies. Microfilming would ensure their preservation and as complete coverage as possible, while reducing duplication of effort involved in acquiring such materials and the space necessary to maintain them. The proposal called for the cost of such microfilming to be shared equally among all interested libraries.

The Chairman reported that the Library of Congress is currently engaged in revising its publication Union List of Russian Serial Publications, 1939-1951, and in the process is photocopying those Russian publications held by the CIA Library which constitute gaps in the LC collection. The Chairman suggested that the purposes of the UNIA proposal could be achieved through the cooperation of each member agency in advising the Library of Congress of individual agency holdings, and permitting LC to photocopy all items not held by it.

The State member said that there were problems involved in the equal sharing of the microfilm cost, in that the needs for particular publications among the member agencies were diverse and dissimilar, and the selection of titles to be microfilmed would therefore differ. In his opinion, the Library of Congress approach seemed more feasible.

The O/ACSI member brought up a consideration which he felt could not be met under the Library of Congress method: a large volume of Russian serial publications (for example, Voyennaya Mysl') are held by O/ACSI in single copy only. Their procurement was effected by other than overt means, and their accessibility to the Library of Congress for photocopying and accessioning is not appropriate. The O/ACSI member queried the Chairman on the possibility of CIA being able to undertake photocopying of such materials, to provide both preservation of them and their accessibility to researchers upon demand. In his opinion, the secure storage of such materials must be considered as well as their availability to the intelligence community. The Chairman observed that those Russian serial titles which involve security considerations, and therefore can not be made available to the Library of Congress, might be so noted in a classified IAC accessions list to supplement the revised Library of Congress Union List.

3. Comments on Exchange Problems by ONI Member

The ONI member pointed out that the lack of an overall policy on the exchange of publications from the intelligence point of view makes it imperative that the Procurement Subcommittee endeavor to recommend such a policy. He remarked that there is no single point of reference in the intelligence community cognizant of what is being offered or received under the various exchanges in effect or proposed, or of what needs to be obtained on exchange which is not otherwise available

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through other means of acquisition. Examples of exchanges currently in effect between Soviet Orbit institutes and U.S. organizations were cited to illustrate the degree of confusion and uncoordinated action in question.

The Chairman remarked that intelligence should know what is going on in exchange programs both within and outside the government -- as a step in this direction, he hoped that Mr. John Green of OTS/Commerce might shed some light on this problem at the January meeting.

A general discussion followed on the problems encountered in the exchange field. The Secretary referred to a 1956 USSR work: (Svodnyy Katalog Inostrannykh Nauchnykh Zhurnalov - Indexed Catalog of Foreign Scientific Journals), which lists many U.S. publications and the extent of their holdings in various USSR libraries and institutes. The incidence of many key titles in this catalog would support a contention that the various private and semi-official exchanges between U.S. organizations and professional circles and their counterparts in the USSR are effective and would be difficult to control centrally by the intelligence community, although centralized knowledge of what is thereby received or offered would appear possible. The important role of the Exchange and Gift Division of the Library of Congress in this program was mentioned. It is hoped to invite a representative of the Library of Congress to a Subcommittee meeting in 1958 to discuss this problem.

The Chairman recommended that a representative of the National Science Foundation be asked to join Mr. Green of OTS/Commerce at the January meeting and give his opinion on the various exchange problems discussed.

4. Report by O/ACSI Member of Pergamon Press

The O/ACSI member reported on a meeting in the Pentagon, chaired by Mr. Ralph O'Dette of NSR on the Pergamon Press and its Russian scientific and technical translation program. Captain Ian R. Maxwell, Director of Pergamon Press, discussed his exchange relations with the USSR Ministry of Defense Publishing House which currently provides him with three items per month. In addition, he receives galley proofs and glossy prints of journal articles from certain USSR publishers. Items which Captain Maxwell receives on exchange will be listed in a bibliography to be inserted in the translated versions of Prikladnaya Matematika i Mekhanika (Applied Mathematics and Mechanics). He also

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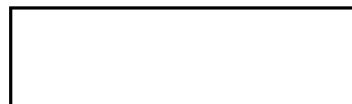
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reported that he has an exchange with Tochov which assures him of a copy of any article quoted from the contents of the Referativnyye Zhurnaly (Abstract Journals). Personnel of the Office of Research and Development, O/ACSI, were of the opinion that an arrangement should be effected whereby the maximum usefulness to O/ACSI of Pergamon Press resources could be provided. It was noted that no information was available on the identity of the items offered by Captain Maxwell in his exchanges.

5. The next meeting will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 21 January 1958. Mr. Green will discuss the new program of the Department of Commerce dealing with the availability of information from foreign publications. An official of the National Science Foundation will be invited to present the role of NSF in this and similar programs.

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